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In re Application of:

Akira Utsumi

Serial No.: 09/460,361

Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: C. Pratt

For: NONWOVEN FABRIC-LAMINATE, AND

AN AUTOMOTIVE INTERNAL TRIM PANEL

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Box RCE

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

1. This request has been filed before the payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or 146.

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2. This request is accompanied by a submission in the form of the previously filed but unentered October 17, 2002 Amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the October 17th Amendment.

3. A check in the amount of \$740 to cover the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed.

4. A Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month) accompanies this Request.

Respectfully submitted

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